GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:249
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2007
UPLIFTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy;Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive policy for the overall upliftment of the labourers in the housing sector/construction industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide social security like job security, better working conditions, medical care etc. to the workers engaged in housing sector/construction industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 249 FOR 3.12.2007 BY SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO AND SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN REGARDING UPLIFTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.

(a) to (c): The Government have enacted the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers` Welfare Cess Act, 1996 for the betterment of working and living conditions of workers engaged in construction Industry. The Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 envisages constitution of State Building and Other Construction Workers` Welfare Boards at State level for providing various welfare/social security measures to the building and other construction workers, like immediate assistance in case of accident, medical assistance in case of major ailments, group insurance, maternity benefit to female workers, education to children and old age pension. The legislation has provisions for regulating service conditions as well as detailed provisions for safety and health of the construction workers at workplace. Regarding regulator

The Government has introduced the `Unorganized Sector Workers Social Security Bill, 2007` with the objective to provide social security to the workers, including building and other construction workers, in the unorganized sector.